



MOUNT **RAINIER** INSTITUTE

Field Seminars

Make The Mountain Your Classroom



Courses

For more information or to register go to www.nps.gov/mora/mri/seminars.htm

► Mountain Cultures of Rainier and the World

Monday, July 18th , 9 am - 5 pm

Longmire Area
Fee: \$50

What draws people to mountains? What makes mountain environments such unique and intriguing places? You are invited to listen to a sampling of the diverse voices and stories of people and cultures that have developed special relationships with Mount Rainier and other mountains of the world. Spend the day with tribal members, National Park Service archeologists, educators from The Mountain Institute, and others who study the relationship between people and mountains.

► Photographing Mount Rainier

Saturday, July 23rd, 9 am - 5 pm

Nisqually Entrance with travel to Paradise Area
Fee: \$50

Grab your digital or 35mm camera for this day of exploring and practicing photographic techniques amid the beauty of Mount Rainier National Park. Professional photographers share tips and tricks for capturing a variety of natural scenes from waterfalls and lakes to forests, meadows and wildlife. An afternoon field excursion allows you to practice with individual attention from the instructors. Along the way a veteran park naturalist shares insights into the wonders before you.

► “Leave No Trace” Trainer Certification Backpacking Trip

**Monday, July 25 - Tuesday, July 26
9 am Monday to 5 pm Tuesday**

Sunrise Area
Fee: \$90 (Includes certification materials, backcountry permit and meals during trip)

Experience the variety of flora, fauna and the glacial landscape of this volcanic mountain. Backpack to spend the night at Sunrise Camp. Explore meadows and subalpine areas on the eastern flank of Mount Rainier while learning, teaching and practicing “Leave No Trace” ethics and techniques. Become a certified “Leave No Trace” Trainer through this experience and share this knowledge with others!

► Step Lightly: Subalpine Ecology Investigation

Saturday, July 30, 10 am - 4 pm

Paradise Area
Fee: \$40

Discover the facts behind the fragile beauty of the landscape above tree line! Join a park naturalist, a wilderness ranger and the “Leave No Trace” Traveling Training Team for an in-depth look at the plant communities of Mount Rainier’s subalpine zone. Survey for plant diversity and compare the health of plant communities in disturbed and undisturbed areas. Learn techniques to travel lightly and care for the beautiful mountain meadows. Understand park efforts to revegetate scarred areas and how to prevent this type of damage from occurring.

► Mount Rainier History and the National Park Idea

Saturday, August 13

9 am - 5 pm

(additional free evening activities available)

Longmire Area
Fee: \$50 (includes box lunch)

National parks and the national park idea are America’s gift to the world. Immerse yourself in the rich history of America’s fifth national park. Learn about the contributions Mount Rainier has made to the National Park System. Tour the park’s National Historic Landmark District and visit with characters from the park’s past. Spend the day with historians, educators, and architects intimately familiar with Mount Rainier’s historic influence. Additional free evening activities include a pot luck dinner and a costumed historic lantern tour.

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